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"Let us go on unto Perfection."

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Notice, This is Your Last Paper

You will likely get if you have not renewed your subscription or we do not hear from you before Wednesday, Jan. 17. Don't let the matter pass your attention.

Subscribers who receive this issue but have ordered their paper discontinued since receiving last number need have no fears of the paper continuing to come. This will be the last number they will receive until they renew.

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1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions.

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SUPPLEMENT ECHOES.

S. J. Harrison, Dear Bro:—I have just concluded an inspection of the "EVANGELIST" in its new form, and consider the change a grand improvement.

Find enclosed money order for \$5.65 divided equally between my mother and myself. For the same please renew Mrs. Laura Stottler's subscription for another year and send me the King's Children. \$1.65 for the two. For the remaining \$4.00 please send us two copies of the EVANGELIST for gratuitous distribution and send the other two copies to some former subscribers who have been dropped on account of their inability to pay. I believe this is in accordance with your offer in "EVANGELIST supplement" under date of January 3rd.

The EVANGELIST readers cannot help but realize how much more convenient their

paper will be to read in the future. I hope that the change may result in a relative gain of financial strength to the publishing interests.

Your Brother,

Ira D. Slater.

Columbiana, Ohio, Jan. 4th, 1894.

WHAT GREAT MEN THINK OF THE BIBLE.

BY J. D. MCFADEN.

Prose writers, poets, philosophers, scientists, politicians and infidels, all write in ascribing to the Bible, an authority, sublimity and system of religion above other books.

From among prose writers we select Sir Walter Scott. Carlyle said of Scott, "No sounder piece of English manhood was put together in the eighteenth century." Scott said on his death bed, "there is but one book; give me the Bible."

From among poets, we select John Milton, who stands closer to us all than either Homer or Dante. Milton said, "there are no songs to be compared to the songs of Zion, and no orations equal to those of the prophets."

From among the philosophers take Lord Bacon, who reflected the knowledge of Socrates and Plato. Bacon said, "there was never found in any age of the world, in either religion or law that did so highly exalt the public good as the Bible."

From among scientists, let us select Prof. Arnold Guyot, whose reputation is world wide. He says: "To a sincere and unsophisticated mind, it must be evident that the grand outlines sketched by Moses are the same as those which modern science enables us to trace, however imperfect and unsettled the details furnished by scientific inquiries may appear on many points."

From among politicians, look at Alexandria of Russia, Francis of Austria, and Fredric William of Prussia, a trinity of rulers, when they lifted their sceptres, millions bowed. These three rulers signed and published in Paris, Sept. 26, 1815, the state paper known as the Holy Alliance, in which: "They recognized the religion of the holy Scriptures as the only true basis of all political relations, and the only safe directory of the nations of the earth."

From among infidels, select Rosseau, the Goliath of infidelity. He said: "Peruse the books of philosophy wherewith all their pomp of diction, how meager, how contemptible

are they when compared with the Scriptures. The majesty of the Scriptures strike me with admiration."

Here are men from various paths of knowledge, from all parts of the globe, differing in many respects from each other, men who have made books and kingdoms, all unite in saying the Bible is the best of all books.

Yet there are some who question its authority. Who are they? Backsliders and hypocrites. As soon as a man commences to backslide he commences to question the power of the Bible, and when he plunges into the palace of sin, he tries to overthrow the book. They are the tadpoles and the weak wiggles of their weak extremities will never wipe out of existence that which develops purity. The book will live forever.

Hume with his insinuations may come, Bolingbroke with his political power may come, Gibbon with his one-sided history may come, proud philosophy may come, contemptible atheism may come, inconsistent professors of religion may come, all the powers of earth and hell combined may come, but the Bible can stand the attack for: "The word of the Lord endureth forever."

My friends, obey the Bible. If thirsty you will find it a God-touched rock sending forth waters of salvation, cooling to the parched lips of a troubled soul. Obey the Bible. If weary you will find it as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, resting the tired pilgrim. Obey the Bible. You will find it a pillow of cloud by day and a pillow of fire by night, guiding you through the intricate path of life's wilderness. Obey the Bible, and it will be your ark, at whose approach the black waves of the Jordan of death will roll back, and seeing your Master's footsteps, you can reach dry shod the salvation side.

In the words of Andrew Marhip, "we will say, then, to all who hate the Bible, and would tear it from us if they could."

We won't give up the Bible;

God's holy book of truth;

The staff of hoary age,

And guide of early youth."

MOTHER.—"How did this ink get all over this table?"

SMALL SON.—"It run out all by its self, quick as the bottle upset."

Little joys, are the sweet-meets of well spent lives. "In thy presence is fulness of joy forever more."